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State Transport Department (income)

MR. SPEAKER : As the Hon. Member, who gave notice of Question No. 876, is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 876 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the income in the Transport Department in the Madras Centre and the Nagercoil district for the year 1959–60?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The net profits earned by the Madras Centre and the Kanyakumari Branch of the State Transport Department during 1959–60 are as follows :—

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1	Madras Centre	21,46,245
2	Kanyakumari Branch	4,63,517

(*The figures are provisional and unaudited.*)

Tapioca price

* 881 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price of one pound of tapioca at present;

(*b*) the causes for the rise in price; and

(*c*) the steps taken to bring down the price?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Six naye Paise per 1 lb. of green tuber, in Salem and Madras Markets.

(*b*) The price has been more or less steady during the past twelve months.

(*c*) No special steps have been taken to bring down the price as the price of tapioca has generally been steady without any large or alarming rise in price.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the total extent of land under tapioca cultivation in our State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have those particulars with me just now.

* SRI M. R. KANDASWAMY MUDALIYAR : இந்த மாவள்ளிக் கிழங்கின் விலையைக் குறைப்பதினால் விவசாயிகளுக்குப் பாதகம் ஏற்படுமென்று அமைச்சர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா? விலையைக் குறைக்கக்கூடிய நடவடிக்கையை எடுக்காமல் இருப்பார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : விலையைக் குறைப்பதாக உத்தேசம் இல்லை என்று முன்னமேயே சொல்லிவிட்டேன்.